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American Named In Espionage Case

BONN, April 19 (UPI)—A U.S. Air Force computer specialist has been charged with espionage for allegedly selling secret information on American codes and radar to East Germany, authorities said today.

Two of his alleged West German accomplices already have been convicted at a trial that implicated the American airman, a West German prosecutor said.

Capt. Ralph McNally, spokesman for the Air Force's 601st Tactical Control Wing at Sembach Air Base, said Sgt. Francisco de Asis Mira will face a general court-martial on June 18 on charges he sold the secrets to a foreign country.

McNally refused to disclose the country on the grounds publication before the trial could prejudice the case.

But a West German prosecutor said Mira, a 24-year-old naturalized American born in Spain, had sold information to the East German State Security Service, the secret police.

Prosecutor Hans-Joachim Ulrich said testimony at the espionage trial of Mira's alleged accomplices on Feb. 15 revealed Mira had made photographs of American code books and radar system reports and had given them to his accomplices to sell to East Germany.